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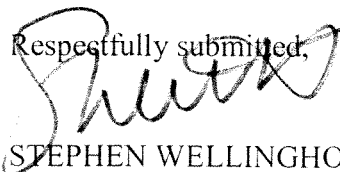
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Re: **Deskovic v. City of Peekskill, et al, Case No. 07 Civ. 8150 (KMK) (GAY)**

Dear Judge Karas:

Please be advised that Defendant Daniel Stephens has now expressed his desire to have separate counsel represent him as to the punitive damage claims at trial. Mr. Stephens had been advised of this right to separate counsel throughout the course of this litigation, but has only just now changed his response. As such, the Court should expect Mr. Stephens to express this same desire at the upcoming conflict hearing.

I thank your Honor for the Court's consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN WELLINGHORST

cc: All Counsel (Via ECF)